

**MINUTES OF THE  
TRANSPORTATION, ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY & NATIONAL GUARD  
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE  
Room W010, West Office Building, State Capitol Complex  
Monday, January 23, 2006**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Sen. Scott Jenkins, Co-Chair  
Rep. David Ure, Co-Chair  
Sen. Fred Fife  
Sen. Michael Waddoups  
Rep. David N. Cox  
Rep. Glenn A. Donnelson  
Rep. Neil A. Hansen  
Rep. Ann W. Hardy  
Rep. Neal B. Hendrickson  
Rep. Todd E. Kiser  
Rep. Joseph G. Murray

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mark C. Bleazard, Fiscal Analyst  
Rosemary Young, Committee Secretary

**Note:** A list of visitors and copy of handouts are filed with committee minutes.

Sen. Jenkins called the meeting to order at 2:17 p.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Hendrickson moved to approve the minutes of the January 18 and 19, 2006 meetings. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Donnelson absent for the vote.

Rep. Lockhart introduced H.B. 112 and explained it to the committee. Rep. Dougall assisted in answering questions from the committee. The intent of the bill is to dedicate by statute a portion of the sales and use tax on vehicles and vehicle-related products to the Transportation Investment Fund.

**MOTION:** Rep. Hardy moved to have the committee go on record in support of H.B.112. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Hendrickson absent for the vote.

Rep. Ure displayed a map of a portion of Utah which showed all the existing and proposed oil and gas wells whose access is by poor quality county roads. He came before the committee to request an appropriation of \$5,000,000 one time funds to go to the counties whose roads are impacted by this oil and gas extraction activity.

**National Guard**

Mark Bleazard, Fiscal Analyst, presented issue briefs on National Guard Utility Increases, Tuition Assistance, and Fees.

**MOTION:** Rep. Ure moved to authorize the chairs to send a letter to the Executive Appropriations Committee asking them to handle the utilities increases of the National Guard in

the same manner that they handle them for all the state agencies. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Donnelson and Rep. Hansen absent for the vote.

Col. Scott Olson, explained that all of the previous year's funds for tuition assistance were used on a first come first served basis and that they had 90 requests that had to be turned away. The tuition assistance is a tool in recruiting and retention to the National Guard. Col. Olson reminded the committee that the veteran's outreach program influences the ability to communicate with veterans about federal programs available to them and actually brings back into the state 5 to 1 federal dollars to state dollars in the program. Todd Valline, Budget Director, explained the utilities shortfall and the split between federal and state funding and that the federal funding does not come unless the state pays their part.

**MOTION:** Rep. Kiser moved to place on a priority list the following budget requests for the National Guard: Tuition Assistance - \$750,000 one time money, Increase in Utility Costs - \$216,000, Increase in funding for Facility Insurance Programs - \$27,500, Veterans Outreach Program - \$100,000. He also moved to adopt the following intent language: Nonlapsing Funds appropriation for the Veterans' Affairs, Veterans' Cemetery, and Veterans' Nursing Home and intent language for an additional vehicle for the Veterans' Nursing Home. The motion also included the following fees:

	<b>Current Rate</b>	<b>Proposed Rate</b>	<b>#units</b>
Veterans' Burial Fee	300.00	300.00	200
Spouse/Dependent Burial Fee	400.00	400.00	45
Saturday Burial Fee	500.00	500.00	2
Lawn Vases	60.00	60.00	20

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Waddoups absent for the vote.

### **Department of Environmental Quality**

Dianne R. Nielson, Executive Director Department of environmental Quality, accompanied by Bill Sinclair, Deputy Director, handed out and discussed an itemized list of increases from the Federal Fund to the state in FY2006. She also handed out and explained balance sheets concerning the Water Quality Loan Funds and Drinking Water Loan Funds.

Mark Bleazard, Fiscal Analyst, pointed out the intent language in the DEQ budget brief and discussed the issue briefs containing the analyst's recommendation. He noted that the appropriation for the Drinking Water Loan program is not an increase, but a transfer of funding source.

**MOTION:** Rep. Hendrickson moved to approve the following intent language:

It is the intent of the Legislature that any unexpended funds in the Air Operating Permits Program are nonlapsing and authorized for use in the Air Operating permits Program to reduce

the fee in the second fiscal year following that in which the unexpended funds occurred.

It is the intent of the Legislature that any unexpended Groundwater Permit Administration fees are nonlapsing and authorized for use in the Groundwater Permit Administration Program in the following fiscal year to reduce the fees charged.

It is the intent of the Legislature that funds appropriated for the purpose of addressing high level nuclear waste be nonlapsing.

It is the intent of the Legislature that an additional vehicle is authorized for the Department of Environmental Quality's new district engineer supporting the Tri-County region.

The motion included the analyst's recommended budget as follows:

Continued initiative against high level nuclear waste storage in Utah from the General Fund one time	\$ 250,000
Underground storage tank program from the Petroleum Storage Tank Expendable Trust Fund	43,600
Hazardous substance mitigation fund from the General Fund Restricted - Environmental Quality Acct.	400,000
Drinking water loan administration costs from the General Fund Restricted - Water Development Security Account - Drinking Water Account	73,000

The motion included the DEQ Federal Funds Brief found as attachment A and the DEQ Fee Schedule found as attachment B.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Waddoups, Rep. Hansen, Rep. Hardy, and Rep. Ure absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Hendrickson moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Waddoups, Rep. Hansen, Rep. Hardy, and Rep. Ure absent for the vote.

Sen. Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 5:09 p.m.

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Rep. David Ure, Co-Chair

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